



## Kim Evans-Dame new Director of HR

It is said that we draw our strength of today from the trials and tribulations we experienced throughout our lives. This can be said for MVCC's new Director of Human Resources, who joined the College community this past week.

Kim Evans-Dame was a single mother early in life which could have held her back in her professional career. But she turned the tables on fate and used her circumstances as a means of strength and fortitude by completing a bachelors and masters degrees.

"As a single mother, I was not going to be a statistic. I refused to give up and for that reason, education saved my life and the life of my daughter," said Ms. Evans-Dame. "I am really happy to be here because this is the job I wanted. It will allow me to give back to the community that helped me when I was in need."

Ms. Evans-Dame brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the College's Human Resources Department, having worked the past 20 years in this capacity in one form or another. This New York Mills native spent six years in the manufacturing sector in the Rochester area before taking the position of Director of Human Resources for the Rochester Housing Authority.

In this capacity, Ms. Evans-Dame forged ahead with modernizing the RHA's performance planning and appraisal procedures, along with corrective measures to manage and improve employee performance.



**NEW DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES** - Kim Evans-Dame took over the position of Director of Human Resources at MVCC.

Over the past decade, Ms. Evans-Dame has proven herself to be a strong communicator while developing strong relationships in order to act as a bridge between employees and administrators. Some of her strengths lay in creation of assessment, policy and regulations within the workplace. With her work with the RHA, she has a background in Civil Service as well as with bargaining units.

"I like to simplify procedures in order to clarify information and make it understandable to everyone involved," said Ms. Evans-Dame, who is creating a 100-day plan for this new position.

"I have two pet peeves that I'm very stringent on. Customer service and confidentiality. If either of these is being abused or neglected, I'm not afraid

to take action," she added.

Ms. Evans-Dame replaces Patty Fox, whose new responsibilities as the Director of Strategic Initiatives.

Ms. Evans-Dame graduated from New York Mills High School. She earned her Associate degree in Business Administration from Jamestown Community College before going on to finish a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Nazareth College in Rochester. Afterwards, she worked on a Master's degree in Management from Nazareth College.

Ms. Evans-Dame is currently staying with her parents in Whitesboro and is in the process of moving back to the area. Her daughter Ashley is 23 and she has two grandchildren, Riley, 3 years, and Carter, 5 months.



## 2009 America's Greatest Heart Run & Walk Team MVCC



### MVCC Campus Events

#### Monday, March 23

- SNO: Candle & Handmade Quilted Bag Sale, Plumley Complex Atrium, 9:00 am
- Muslim Student Assoc, Alumni College, Room 203, 2:00 pm
- Fire God, Alumni College, Room 222, 3:00 pm
- Chess Club Games, Alumni College, Room 114, 3:30 pm
- Student Congress Alumni College, Room 212, 3:30 pm
- Board of Trustees Meeting, Payne Hall, Room 300, 4:00 pm
- CCED: Ballroom Dancing, Payne Hall Lobby, 7:00 pm
- Cultural Series Movie: "Religulous," Theater, 7:00 pm
- Student Activities & Residence Council: Chocolate Hawk, MV Commons, 8:00 pm

#### Tuesday, March 24

- Muslim Student Assoc, Alumni College, Room 203, 2:00 pm
- Acoustic Café: Paul Basile/Great Elk, Alumni College, Room 116, 7:00 pm
- Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

#### Wednesday, March 25

- National Kick Butt Day, MV Commons, 10:00 pm
- Muslim Student Assoc, Alumni College, Room 203, 2:00 pm
- Black Student Union, Alumni College, Room 222, 3:30 pm
- The Experience, Alumni College, Room 212, 4:00 pm
- CCED: Dance Class, IT Ground Floor, 5:30 pm
- Comedian Maria Falzone, Theater, 7:00 pm
- MVCC Concert Band Practice, Alumni College, Room 116, 7:00 pm
- Night Hawk Café, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

- Cultural Series Performance: The Clarion Clarinet Quartet, Plumley Complex Auditorium, 7:30 pm

#### Thursday, March 26

- Phi Theta Kappa Alumni College, Room 212, 8:00 am
- BSU: Book Signing, Payne Hall Lobby, 10:00 am
- New Faculty Orientation, IT 225, 1:00 pm
- Muslim Student Assoc, Alumni College, Room 203, 2:00 pm
- Program Board, Alumni College, Room 212, 2:00 pm
- Paranormal Investigation Society, Alumni College, Room 212, 5:00 pm
- Strategic Gaming Club Alumni College, Room 212, 6:00 pm
- CCED: Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

#### Friday, March 27

- Psychology Club Alumni College, Room 212, 12:00 pm
- Muslim Student Assoc, Alumni College, Room 203, 2:00 pm
- Latino Student Union, Alumni College, Room 212, 3:00 pm
- CCED: Ballroom Dancing, MV Commons, 7:00 pm

"Diversity may be the hardest thing for a society to live with, and perhaps the most dangerous thing for a society to be without."



**Rev. William Sloan Coffin, Jr. (1924 – 2006)**

**Christian clergyman, peace activist**

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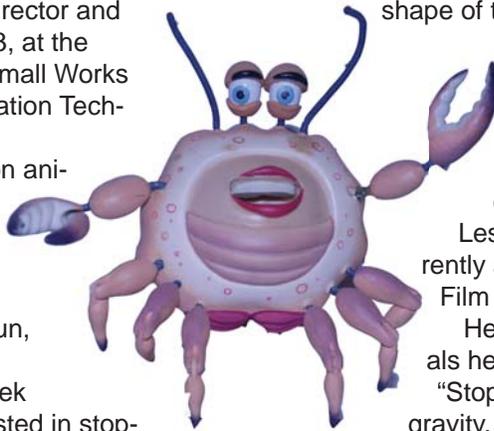
# College hosts exhibit by famed stop-motion animator Tom Gasek

MVCC played host to award winning director and animator Tom Gasek on Friday, March 13, at the opening of an exhibit of his work in the Small Works Gallery on the second floor of the Information Technology Building.

Gasek is best known for his stop-motion animation work on Wallace and Grommet, which has been made into movies and television episodes by BBC. His other creations include work on Coraline, The Nightmare Before Christmas, Chicken Run, Wrong Trousers and many commercials.

Prior to the opening of the exhibit, Gasek gave a lecture on how he became interested in stop-motion animation, the many challenges artists in this field face, and how he views his success over 30 years in the field.

"With this type of animation, you have to plan way out in front of the actual work. You have to be able to make the



shape of the mouth match the syllables of the words," said Gasek.

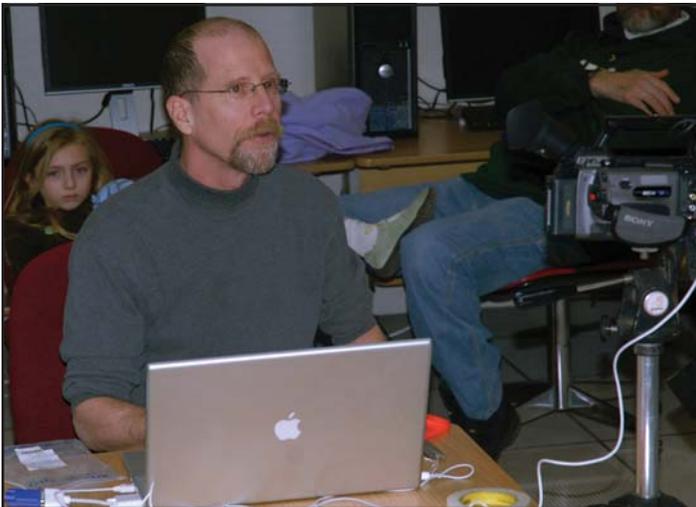
Gasek is a native of Utica and attended Utica Free Academy for one year before his family moved. He went on to graduate from RIT and earned his Masters in Fine Art from Lesley University in Boston. He is currently an Assistant Professor in the School of Film and Animation at RIT.

He also talked about the types of materials he uses such as plastics, foam and latex. "Stop-motion animators are always fighting gravity. ... When you're doing your work, draw something that comes from your experience," he

added.

Gasek also held a two-hour workshop in pixilation with nearly 25 students and faculty taking part. All participants had a chance to animate themselves with lip-sync, image registration, and expres-

sion. This Tom Gasek exhibit includes photographs of his work, three-dimensional pieces as well as video footage of him making his latest film. There's also a video loop of commercials he's created. This Small Works Gallery exhibit will be on display until April 9, and is sponsored by the MVCC Gallery Committee and the Cultural Series.



**ANIMATOR AT WORK** - Tom Gasek talks with students and faculty during a workshop on the Utica Campus.

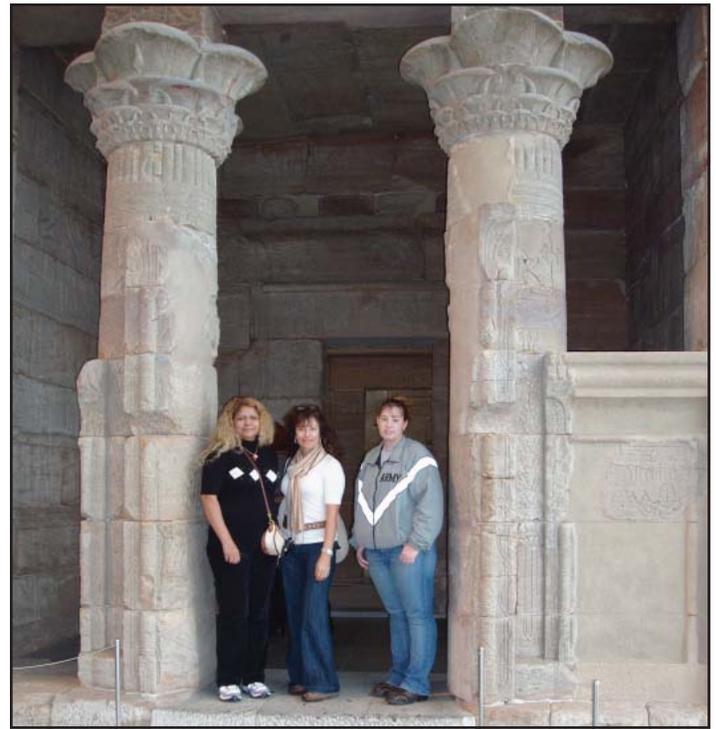
## Former professor's music broadcast on regional radio stations

Retired professor Norbert Oldani composed two music works for electronic choral media which will be broadcast on "Fresh Ink" at 2 pm on Sundays June 7 and July 26. "Fresh Ink" is broadcast over WJNY-FM (Watertown) and WCNY-FM locally and also over various PBS stations across the USA. The two works are entitled "Chorus #6" from "Symmetries," a longer piece, and "Resurrection."

## Hockey game benefits young cancer patient

The 7th Annual Mohawk Valley Hockey League's benefit hockey game will be held on Friday, March 27, at 7:00 p.m. at the New Hartford Recreation Center.

This year's event will benefit Abigail Evans, a 2½-year-old child diagnosed with Leukemia on November 14, 2008. Tickets are \$5.00 and there will be special fund raising events at the game such as a Chinese auction, 50/50 raffle and a silent auction. There will also be food and drink available.



**TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY** - To the left, MVCC Students in the Liberal Arts & Science Club took a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City back in November. The club is now planning a trip to Boston. The club advisers are Lew Kahler, Bob Musante, and Carolyn West Pace. Above, the Egyptian temple of Dendur, dating from approximately 15 BC, was given by Egypt to the United States in 1965 and is located in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The construction of the Aswan Dam would have submerged the temple.



**TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY** - A group of MVCC Business and Information Technology students and faculty, along with a group from Proctor High School, toured Wall Street in New York City last month. Here a part of the group pose for a photograph in front of the giant bull in the Financial District.

## BIT's students, faculty tour Financial District

Students and faculty from the Business and Information Technology Department took a trip to Wall Street in New York City and toured the Federal Reserve Bank where they saw "the gold bricks."

The group also toured the American Museum of Finance where they learned about Alexander Hamilton and the stock exchanges. They had lunch at the Downtown Association with guest speaker Frank Harrison, President of Holborn Association. Holborn is an insurance dealer for insurance companies like Utica National.

The final leg of the trip included a ride on the Staten Island Ferry to get a close up view of the Statue of Liberty and walking tour of lower Manhattan.

There also were students from Richard Karam's class at Proctor High School, who are part of the dual credit economics course.

This was a Faculty Collaboration Project funded trip.